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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Cherry Hill				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Cherry Hill				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Owensville-Sudley Rd				
CITY OR TOWN: Owensville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Anne Arundel	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmuhl				
STREET AND NUMBER: Owensville - Sudley Rd				
CITY OR TOWN: Owensville			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Court House-Clerk's Office				
STREET AND NUMBER: South St. and Church Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 1650/220				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: A.A. County Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1975				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: #21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	

7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	<div>(Check One)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed</div>	
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered</div>	<div>(Check One)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site</div>
<p>DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</p> <p>SEE ATTACHED SHEET</p>		

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Circle 1800, 1840, and 1860

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> lasophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

9.74 acres

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: A. Clifton Houghton II- Summer Research Intern	
ORGANIZATION Chesapeake Bay Center for Environmental Studies	DATE 7/27/76
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 622 Rte. 4	
CITY OR TOWN: Edgewater	STATE Maryland

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12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

The house at "Cherry Hill" is located on the east side of the Owensville-Sudley Road, 1/2 mile south east of the junction of Owensville-Sudley Road and Solomon's Island Road. The house is about 1.5 miles north of the village of Owensville and 2.5 miles south of Harwood. The rambling frame house is pleasantly sited on a maple shaded knoll. The tallest gable end of the house faces west toward Owensville-Sudley Road. However, the main entrance to the house is on the south side, slightly north of Three Rivers Road, which borders the south and east sides of the 9.74 acre property. There is a small stable to the northeast of the house. To the north of the house is a small outbuilding, formerly a meat house and later called "Jake's House". To the southeast of the house are several 50 to 60 year old apple trees and to the west is a spacious, white-fenced riding ring.

Prior to 1838, the land surrounding the present house was part of several land tracts known as Anne Arundel Manor, Smith's or Anthony's Purchase, Red Bird's Neck, and Taylor's Search. In 1838, Osborne Sprigg Harwood bought 606 improved acres from the Western Shore Land Office. The fore-mentioned tracts of land were resurveyed into one 606 acre tract and patented as "Cherry Hill". The house and surrounding lands are known as Cherry Hill today. Osborne Sprigg Harwood died in 1846 and willed the heavily mortgaged plantation to his son, Sprigg Harwood. Creditors claimed \$25,700 against the estate. In 1847, the 606 acre farm was resurveyed into four lots, three of which were sold at public auction. Sprigg Harwood managed to retain Lot #1 containing the house and 197.25 acres. He also bought 14 of the 33 slaves in the estate. Lot #2 containing 173.5 acres was sold to Henry Owens and John Hopkins who subsequently divided it. Sprigg later bought lots 3 and 4 totalling 251 acres. However, in 1848, Sprigg sold the home farm, lot #1, to Dr. Benjamin Bird. Dr. Bird's family was prominent in the Birdsville-Owensville area. Dr. Bird's eleven children kept the farm until 1885. Meanwhile, the heirs of Henry Owens partitioned his 85 acre half of Lot # 2 into six lots in 1867. These lots were later subdivided and formed part of the village of Owensville. The land that had belonged to Benjamin Bird was sold in 1960 by the heirs of Agnes O'Neill and splintered into four more lots. Thus, 138 years later, Cherry Hill is owned by many different families. In the mid-1960's, the remainder of the open land to the west of the house was subdivided and "Castle Acres" was created.

The house is a fascinating reflection of the varied space and style requirements of three generations of farmers during the first 65 years of the 19th century. From the exterior, the house appears to be several houses incongruously pieced together. The house is a motley collection of architectural elements spanning 100 years. Cherry Hill was built in the early 1800's as a simple two story, three bay side hall house. The interior contained a twenty foot long hallway with a simple stairway open only to some winders, halfway up. There was a 15 by 20 foot main room with fireplace on the first floor and a similar room above it on the second floor. Woodwork was minimal and the windows contained six pane sashes. The exterior of the first house at Cherry Hill resembled the scale and design of the

Hersch-Arnold house located at Arnold in Anne Arundel County. The house at Arnold is #135 on the 1975 historic architecture survey executed by Amy Hiatt. In the 1840's, a two story frame addition to the north wall expanded the original two room house to six rooms. This substantial, but low ceilinged addition, featured two large exterior brick chimneys, one each on the east and west ends. Inside were four 15 by 13 foot rooms and two fireplaces.

After the farm was sold to Benjamin Bird in 1848, the house was enlarged again. The Bird addition of three rooms and an extension to the old main hall reflects the pattern-book taste of a prosperous mid-19th Century landowner. The proportion of the 18 by 27 foot living room, the 9 1/2 foot ceilings, and the heavier woodwork suggests that the Birds added to the house about 1860. This addition is taller than the rest of the house and it not only adds to the length of the ^{scullery} facade but it is built with a ten foot wide overlap on the west end of the original house. Thus the old side hall is protected by two layers of roofs. At the same time the Birds extended the south wall of the old entrance hall about eight feet in order to create a more elegant entrance hall and a fancier ^{main} doorway. A square white marble mantel was the focal point of the living room, dubbed the "Grandmother's Ballroom". However, this touch of elegance came to a tragic end in the early 1960's when former owners removed the mantel and tossed it down the basement steps.

Examination of the attic reveals a confusing assortment of old roofs partially covered by newer, shallower roofs and a jumble of structural adaptations, the results of the additions to the house. It can be easily seen that the north slope of the roof of the original house was merely covered by the newer structure of the roof of the 1840's section. The old shingles can be easily seen.

Since 1900, a large porch was added to the west and south sides of the living room, the east chimney of the 1840's wing was removed, the narrow wood clapboards were covered with asbestos siding, and several doors were replaced with windows. The house, as modernized by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmuhl, the current owners, contains nine rooms, two and one half baths, and a modern kitchen. It is the architectural ineptness of the various sections that lend it considerable interest and charm. The house and its history illustrates some of the many facets of the vernacular in Anne Arundel County. While replastering an upstairs bedroom wall, the Schmuhls found a cache of interesting articles between the studs. They found two 1755 coins, pieces of a small, crystal wine glass, the tines of a fork, a riding crop, and an 1842 edition of the Annapolis Evening Capital. The Schmuhls are concentrating their efforts on remodeling and restoring the interior. The exterior is in fair condition and has received minimal attention from the Schmuhls since they bought Cherry Hill in 1963.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cherry Hill

AND/OR COMMON

Cherry Hill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Owensville-Sudley Road

CITY, TOWN

Owensville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

— YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmuhl

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Owensville-Sudley Road

CITY, TOWN

Owensville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County Courthouse-Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

South Street and Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Anne Arundel County Survey

DATE

1975

— FEDERAL — STATE ☒ COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1800, 1840, 1860 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.74 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	A. Clifton Houghton II - Summer Research Intern		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	7/27/76	
Chesapeake Bay Center for Environmental Studies		TELEPHONE	
STREET & NUMBER	Box 622, Route 4		
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	Maryland	
Edgewater			

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Cherry Hill

West Elevation

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Cherry Hill

South Elevation

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SOUTH ENTRANCE

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Cherry Hill

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Northwest

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